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VI. SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS

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A. Current Relations

1. Indicate the evidence for and nature of any change
in Sino-Soviet relations as defined in paragraphs
18 and 19 of NIE 10-7-54.
2. What is the present general extent and nature of
Soviet economic assistance to Communist China?
Of military assistance? What are the political,
economic, and military strings attached to Soviet
assistance?
3. What evidence is there, if any, indicating (a) the
role of Peiping in the formation and execution
of Bloc policy in the Far East; and (b) the channels
through which Soviet influence is exerted at the

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decision-making level in the CCP, and the receptivity of Peiping to Moscow's advice?

4. What evidence is there of divergent views, if any, concerning strategy in Asia and the degree of risks to be run by Peiping in its foreign policies, particularly with respect to the Taiwan Straits area?
5. What factors tend to disturb Sino-Soviet relations or to reduce Sino-Soviet cooperation? Include a discussion of the significance of the following:
 - (a) Moscow's efforts to retain a paramount position within the Bloc and as spokesman and leader of the world Communist movement;
 - (b) possible Soviet desires, for domestic economic reasons, to limit assistance to Communist China, and the actual levels of present assistance;
 - (c) possible differences between Peiping and Moscow over the correct approach to and pace of industrialization and collectivization in China;
 - (d) possible desires of Peiping to reduce China's economic and military dependence on the USSR or to limit Soviet influence within China;
 - (e) possible

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competition for leadership in Asia, particularly of the various national Communist parties; (f) possible conflicting interests in the border areas; (g) the differing backgrounds, experience, and interests of the Soviet and Chinese elites; the traditional disinterest of the Russian peoples in Asia and the traditional xenophobia and developing nationalism of the Chinese, including Communist cadres.

6. What are the principal factors and conditions that tend to enhance prospects of continued Sino-Soviet cooperation?
7. Is there any evidence that either party desires to modify the present relationship to better serve its own interests?